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**Subject:** VW Settlement Money Should Be Invested in Vehicle Electrification and Charging

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Dear Director Ray Farmer,

South Carolina will be receiving almost \$34 million to reduce diesel emissions as part of the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust, and this money should be invested in vehicle electrification and charging equipment.

Electric buses have very low operating costs compared to other fuels, and each electric bus would save approximately \$200,000 in fuel and maintenance costs over the vehicle's lifetime. Additionally, electric buses do not pollute like fossil fueled buses do, which protects our environment and our health. This is especially important for school buses, to spare our children from exposure to diesel fumes which can cause or exacerbate serious respiratory diseases.

In summary, investing in an electric vehicle future for South Carolina is good for taxpayers, for consumers, and for all of us who want to breathe clean air.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Bowers

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